



Buckland School Newsletter

Buckland School is committed to providing quality education that engages all students fully in a wide range of learning experiences that will assist them in preparing for the challenges of the future.

Week 4 Term 2 2019

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20 May 2019

Dear Parents and Community Members
Tena Koutou

- ◆ **School Values for the Term:** Fair Play & Respect
- ◆ **Welcome** to Matthew and Harper our new students and their families. We hope your association with the school and the school community will be a rewarding and enjoyable one.
- ◆ **Reporting to Parents**—Thank you to all parents, children and staff for being part of the Three Way Conferences last week. Over 85% of families were represented during the two days with a number of extra conferences to be held later this week and next. If you were unable to attend last week please discuss with teachers a time that is suitable to you both.
- ◆ **NZEI Strike: Wednesday 29 May school will be closed as teachers will be on Strike. A separate letter from the Board of Trustees is attached.** Please also see separate letter on the back from teachers.

- ◆ **Pink Shirt Day** - Children and adults looked great supporting Bully Free week on Friday. Let everyday be a bully free day! Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying !!!



- ◆ **Year 1 & 2 Zoo Trip** - Tomorrow 21 May. Children and adults attending must be at school by 8.30am. The bus leaves at 8.45am sharp. Children will need morning tea, lunch, drink, warm jacket and sensible walking shoes. Sorry no pre-schoolers.
- ◆ **Agricultural Day Chickens**—If you would like to order a day old chicken to rear for Agricultural Day on 28

September please use the order form in this newsletter. **All chickens must be ordered through our school for uniformity of judging.**

It is best to order more than one chicken to allow for mishaps. The delivery date will be 24 July. Hens are \$5.00 each—there are no roosters. **Orders must be in by Monday 10 June. No late orders will be accepted. Once chickens are ordered you are committed to taking them.** Orders can be placed in the drawer in the school office. A care sheet is available on the school website under Agricultural Day/Animal Information. It will also be sent home before delivery date so you can make preparations.

- ◆ **Agricultural Day Information Sheet**—a sheet outlining Agricultural Day will be sent home with the eldest child in each family who have enrolled since last year's Agricultural Day. Information is also available on the school website.

Thank You To:

- ◆ Parents who joined us for school assembly last week.
- ◆ BOT Members for attending the BOT meeting last week.
- ◆ All who attended the PTA Meeting last week.

Congratulations to:

- ◆ The following students who received certificates at last week's assembly: **Piwakawaka:** Wade, Coby, Robert, Annabelle, **Titipounamu:** Melissa, Illa, Kiriana, Layla, **Ruru:** Milly, Shykia, Tristan, Corbin, **Tui:** Danielle, Jayda, Cameron, Mason, **Kakapo:** Sam, Olivia, Emily, Elandri, **Kereru:** Jamie-Lee, Zara, Zac, Sienna, **Takahe:** Maton, Taylor, Mia, Savannah, **Karearea:** Ruby, Georgia, Cooper H, **Weka:** Lauren, Ben, Manea, Jorja, **Kea:** Tadhg, Seerat, Toby, Sophie

Principal's Award: Joel in Kea

and Hayden in Karearea

Lion Award: Cameron in Tui
School Values Awards: Riley in Kea and Hayden in Karearea

Newsletter Draw: Wymer and Islip families.

- ◆ The following students who received Gold Athletics Certificates at last week's assembly: **Karearea:** Tyler, **Kereru:** Jackson, Zack, Trinity, Dougie, Donald, **Kakapo:** Ryan, **Tui:** Cameron, **Ruru:** George
- Top Mathlete:** Eliana in Titipounamu

Top Athletics Class: Weka

Events for This Week

- ⇒ Class Speeches continue this week (Yr 3 - 8)
- ⇒ Tues 21 May - Football lessons for Yrs 5 - 8
- ⇒ Tues 21 May - Yr 1 & 2 Zoo Trip
- ⇒ Tues 21 May - Yr 3 & 4 Franklin Football
- ⇒ Wed 22 May - Bible in Schools
- ⇒ Wed 22 May - Yr 5 & 6 Franklin Football
- ⇒ Thurs 23 May - School Council Meeting
- ⇒ Fri 24 May - Yr 7 & 8 Franklin Football
- ⇒ Fri 24 May - BOT Nominations close

Events for Next Week

- ◆ Week 5 - Year 7 & 8 Science Fair
- ◆ Tues 28 May - Travelwise Survey
- ◆ Wed 29 May - NZEI Teacher Strike - school closed
- ◆ Thurs 30 May - Yr 5 - 8 Speeches in Buckland Hall supper room, starting at 9.15am approx. (selected children from classes)
- ◆ Fri 31 May - School Assembly 2.15p.m. (weather permitting)
- ◆ Monday 3 June - Queen's Birthday observed - School Closed

Dear Parents

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

On Wednesday 29 May we hope you will join us at our local public event, likely to be from midday. We would love to see you and your children standing with us – together we are a community and we can make a difference. We will advise you of further details when they are confirmed.

Buckland School NZEI Members

Buckland School Board of Trustees' Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph. The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school. Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.



Pink Shirt Day

AGRICULTURAL DAY CHICKENS– ORDER FORM **(Orders to be placed in the drawer in the office by Monday 10 June)**

Please supply me with _____ hens at \$5.00 each

Total \$ _____ enclosed

Name _____ Room No _____

Signed _____
..... (Parent Signature)

Newsletter Return Slip Draw —Wk 4 T 2 19

The family received the newsletter this week.

Signed: _____ (enter family name)